Max R. Meldrem, age 85, of Grinnell, died on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Windsor Manor in Grinnell.

A celebration of his life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor John Epperson officiating. Pallbearers will be T.J. Blain, Matt Guy, Dan Roberts, Jason Goad, Keegan Meldrem, and Quintin Meldrem. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation began at 2:00 p.m. on Monday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present to greet friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice or Windsor Manor, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.smithfh.com. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Windsor Manor in Grinnell for the loving care provided to their dad.

Max Raymond Meldrem was born on July 29, 1929, in Malcom, Iowa, to Cecil and Maude (Walford) Meldrem. He was raised and educated in Grinnell.

He was united in marriage to Rosetta Mae Maletta on February 11, 1949, in Montezuma, Iowa. To this union was born a daughter, Vickie and two sons, David and Brady. The couple lived in Grinnell and Max worked at various businesses in Grinnell including the Grinnell Shoe Factory, DeKalb Pfizer Genetics, Clark Brink Trucking, C&K Transfer, and Skel-Diner. He was a longtime employee at GTE in Grinnell for 30 years.

Max dearly loved his family and especially enjoyed the time spent together when they went camping. He enjoyed listening to bluegrass music and going to bluegrass concerts. His enjoyments included doing word searches, camping, traveling, and reading.

Those left to honor his memory are his daughter, Vickie Blain of Newton, Iowa; son, Brady (Julie) Meldrem of Ottumwa, Iowa; daughter-in-law, Becky (Keith) Harvey of Ames, Iowa; six grandchildren: Summer (Matt) Goy of Newton, Iowa, T.J. (Amie) Blain of Osceola, Iowa, Layna Collum of Ellsworth, Iowa, Jen (Jason) Goad of Vinton, Iowa, Codie Amason of Ottumwa, and Cassadie (Dan) Roberts of Ottumwa; 12 great grandchildren: Taylor, Tanner, Tyler Goy, Cooper and Marley Blain, Quintin Meldrem, Shealyn Collum, Keegan Meldrem, Raymond Goad, Devan and Landin Amason, and Brooklyn Roberts; and his brother, Raymond Meldrem of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Rosetta Meldrem in 2009; son, David Meldrem in 2009; and son-in-law, Jerry Blain in 2011.
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